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FM AMEMBASSY MANAMA BAHRAIN

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SUBJECT : GSP FOLLOW-UP

REF : STATE 289331

1. EMBASSY FORWARDED LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR DENT (REFTEL) TO GOVERNMENT OF BAHRAIN, MINISTER OF COMMERCE, AGRICULTURE AND ECONOMY, IBRAHIM ABDUL KARIM, DECEMBER 9, 1975.

2. EMBASSY HAS NOW RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER DATED DECEMBER 29, 1975 FROM THE MINISTER:

QTE AMBASSADOR FREDERICK B. DENT, PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRADE POLICY AND TRADE PROMOTION, U.S.A., YOUR EXCELLENCY: I WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO RECEIVE YOUR LETTER OF 9TH DECEMBER 1975, CONCERNING THE UNITED STATES GENERALIZED SYSTEM FOR PREFERENCES. THE GOVERNMENT OF BAHRAIN APPRECIATES THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE EXECUTIVE ORDER AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SYSTEM AND CONSIDERS THE SYSTEM WILL BE OF DEFINITE ASSISTANCE IN INCREASING WORLD TRADE. MY MINISTRY WILL BE EXAMINING IN FULL THE DETAIL SO THAT WE IN BAHRAIN MAY MAKE THE MAXIMUM USE OF THE NEW TRADE OPPORTUNITIES, UNCLASSIFIED

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TO THE MUTUAL BENEFIT OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR

COURTESY IN ADVISING ME OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SYSTEM.
YOURS SINCERELY, IBRAHIM ABDUL KARIM, MINISTER OF COMMERCE,
AGRICULTURE AND ECONOMY. UNQTE LETTER FOLLOWS BY POUCH TO
NEA/ARP.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: WHILE THE MINISTER'S LETTER IS GENERALLY
UPBEAT, WE FIND, ON PERUSAL OF THE DETAILED LIST OF PRODUCTS
(STATE A-7142) LISTED FOR EXEMPTION UNDER GSP THAT, ASIDE FROM
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, THE TWO ITEMS WHICH ARE OF MAJOR INTEREST
TO BAHRAIN IN ITS EXPORTS TO THE U.S., ALUMINUM INGOTS AND
SHRIMPS (PRAWNS), ARE NOT INCLUDED THEREIN. AS REGARDS SHRIMPS,
WE UNDERSTAND THAT THEY HAVE BEEN ALLOWED FREE ENTRY TO U.S.
MARKETS FOR SOME TIME. END COMMENT

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IF EMBASSY'S INTERPRETATION OF EXEMPTION
LIST IS INCORRECT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE SO BEING INFORMED. AS
THINGS STAND NOW, WE ARE UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT, WHILE
INCLUSION IN THE LIST OF COUNTRIES ELIGIBLE FOR GSP IS
THEORETICALLY BENEFICIAL TO BAHRAIN, IT HAS LIMITED, IF ANY,
PRACTICAL APPLICATION UNTIL SUCH TIME AS BAHRAIN MIGHT
DIVERSIFY ITS EXPORT PRODUCTS.
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